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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2019-0045]

Information Collection: Survey of NRC Materials Licensees to Support Rulemaking for NRC's Small Entity Size Standards

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Proposed information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on this proposed collection of information. The information collection is entitled, "Survey of NRC Materials Licensees to Support Rulemaking for NRC's Small Entity Size Standards."

DATES: Submit comments by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web Site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID *NRC-2019-0045*. Address questions about NRC dockets IDs in Regulations.gov to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; e-mail: Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Mail Stop: T-6 A10M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2084; e-mail: Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID *NRC-2019-0045* when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web Site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID *NRC-2019-0045*. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID *NRC-2019-0045* on this Web site.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):*
You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Document collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession No. ML19058A132. The supporting statement and title of document is Survey of NRC Materials Licensees to Support Rulemaking for NRC’s Small Entity Size Standards are

available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML19058A130.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

- *NRC's Clearance Officer:* A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting NRC's Clearance Officer, David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2084; e-mail: Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID *NRC-2019-0045* in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS, and the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. *Background*

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC is requesting public comment on its intention to request the OMB's approval for the information collection summarized below.

1. *The title of the information collection:* Survey of NRC materials licensees to support rulemaking for NRC's small entity size standards.

2. *OMB approval number:* An OMB control number has not yet been assigned to this proposed information collection.

3. *Type of submission:* New

4. *The form number, if applicable:* Not applicable

5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* Once

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Current materials users licensees

7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 457

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 457

9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 151 hours

10. *Abstract:* The NRC has its own standards for categorizing small business size entities that are noted in section 2.810 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, "NRC size standards." The agency's standards differ from those used by the Small Business Administration (SBA) because it is difficult to align NRC licensees with Small Business Administration size standards and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliations Act of 1990 requirement for NRC to recover 90 percent of the annual budget through fees. Since the agency has not surveyed its materials licensees since 1993, the staff will conduct a survey to gather financial data to determine if a change to the size standards is needed. Without conducting a survey, the NRC staff does not have the data needed to determine the impact of shifting from the current nuclear industry-

specific standards. The results of the analysis will be used to provide a recommendation to the Commission that is backed with sound empirical data.

III. Specific Requests for Comments

The NRC is seeking comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the estimate of the burden of the information collection accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection on respondents be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of March 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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